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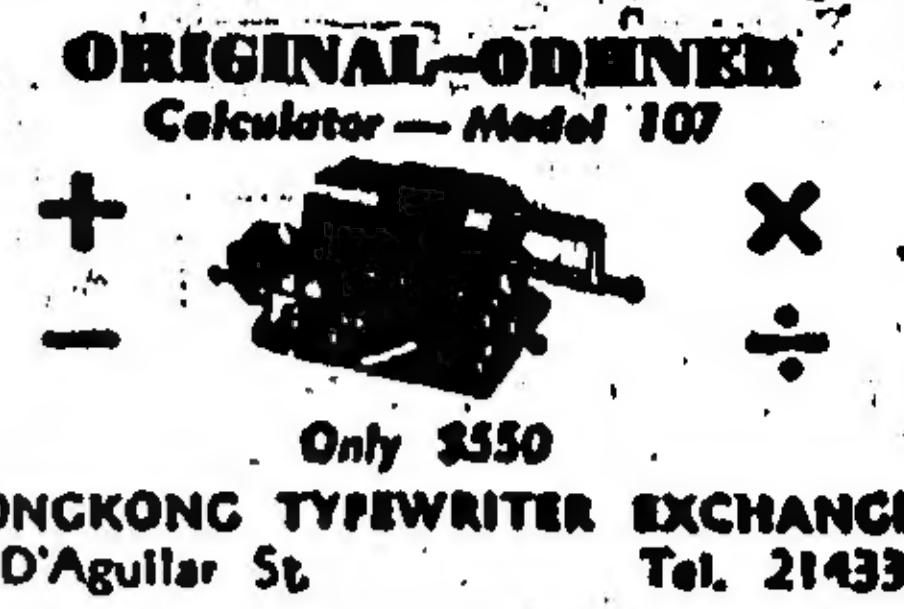
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

China's Choice

HOW badly does China want the Western embargo on strategic goods lifted? Badly enough to agree to an armistice in Indo-China at the present Geneva talks? It can only be a speculative question at best but according to recent reports from Peking it would seem that the Communist Party is intensifying its drive at home to expand primary production for the export market. Party cadres have apparently "convinced" farmers of the need (1) to increase production, (2) to surrender a large portion of their crops to the Government as taxation and (3) to lend the Government whatever extra crops they can for exports to enable the State to earn more foreign exchange for the industrialisation drive. It is obvious therefore that despite the apparently generous loans from Russia including skilled technicians to establish new and expand existing industries, and despite the spate of official figures flowing from Peking indicating promising increases in production in various secondary industries that the plans for industrialisation in China demand either capital or goods (or both) over and above those emanating from existing sources. And China is not the only Communist state pressing Russia for more assistance in its industrialisation plan. China's case however is different in this respect that whereas the satellites, and even Russia, have access to some Western industrial equipment—by virtue of the fact that the embargo is less stringent on the European Communist states—China at present gets nothing worthwhile from the West so complete is the United Nations' embargo on trade with that country.

SINCE America has made no secret of its intention to enforce the embargo until such time as the Chinese People's Republic gives positive evidence of its desire to live in "peaceful co-existence with the West", the most tangible approach the Chinese could make towards this end would be to agree to an armistice in Indo-China and a settlement of the Korean problem at the present Geneva conference. There is at the moment a very imminent threat of the United States implementing Mr Dulles's plan for a Southeast Asian defence alliance and its determination to proceed with this plan is apparently greater than its desire to have Great Britain as an active partner. Mr Molotov's intense hatred of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the EDC in Europe is well-known. He has been no less stubborn in his resistance to the formation of a Far Eastern defence alliance but his motives for disliking it are completely different from those of Mr Eden. However it cannot be denied that with British antipathy to the alliance (at least until the outcome of the Geneva talks is known) any Communist move towards the easing of tension in the Far East even at this late stage could easily upset Mr Dulles's plans since it would tend to consolidate British opposition to the alliance and might leave many Americans in two minds as to the wisdom of such a move involving as it does the possible movement of more US troops to the Far East. China cannot escape the conclusion that if the alliance is formed it will be directed not so much against Communist aggression in the Far East as Chinese-backed aggression and the trade embargo will probably then be as permanent as the Communist regime in China itself.

US AID FOR INDO-CHINA DISCLOSURES

Eden's Private Warning To Reds

Washington, May 23. Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, has privately warned the Soviet and Chinese Communist Foreign Ministers at the Geneva conference not to overplay their hands or undermine the United States capacity to react with military force to the Indo-China situation, it was learned here today.

A favourable impression has been created in Eisenhower Administration circles by reports of two frank private talks in Geneva last week between Mr Eden and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Molotov, and the Chinese Communist Foreign Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, during the Indo-China phase of the Geneva for Eastern conference.

In response to the warning, Mr Chou told Mr Eden that he was relying on Britain to prevent the United States from intervening with armed forces in Indo-China.

Mr Eden replied firmly that no such assumption was warranted and that when things came to a showdown Britain would usually be found standing up on the side of the United States.

EXAGGERATED

Mr Eden is reported to have insisted in the conversation that the widely publicised divergencies between Britain and the United States over matters of organising the peace and the fundamentals of Anglo-American unity are exaggerated.

There is as yet no indication here that Mr Eden has given up his efforts to bring about a settlement acceptable to both sides.

For that reason, Britain has to date continued to remain aloof from United States efforts already under way in Washington to organise a collective security arrangement for Southeast Asia.

If Britain decides in the next few weeks that the Geneva negotiations can only have a negative outcome, she will be able to join in these efforts.

Britain will then find that the preliminary spadework now in progress amongst United States diplomatic circles that the painstaking efforts of Mr Eden will prove to have been of great value.

If the Indo-China talks fail, some Asian countries who have been reluctant to come into a Southeast Asian security arrangement until the outcome of Geneva is clearer may decide to come in.

As much Asian support as possible is necessary to remove any tinge of "colonialism" from the proposed Southeast Asian alliance in which the non-Asian great powers must inevitably play a prominent role.—Reuters.

Riot Squads Clash With Demonstrating Youths

Military And Political Conditions

Paris, May 24. America's plan for giving aid to the French in Indo-China provides for an American Commander-in-Chief there, according to usually reliable sources here last night.

The United States plan is all cut and dried and is now in the hands of M. Joseph Laniel, the French Prime Minister.

The sources said the plan provides for the intervention of American naval and air forces and the military participation of Thailand (Siam) and the Philippines.

Political conditions include the absolute independence of the three Associated States of Indo-China—Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia—and their right to stay out of the French Union.

The present situation in Indo-China no longer seems to leave the French much choice. Direct negotiations with Ho Chi-minh, Vietminh rebel leader, are no longer possible since his powerful Kremlin and Peking protectors have got him under their thumb in Geneva and deprived him of any power to act independently as the position is seen by observers here.

On the other hand, the simple pulling out of French troops from Indo-China is not of practical possibility even if it were desired.

This seems to leave no other way open except to fall in with the American aid plan if Geneva fails to produce a settlement of the seven-year-old war.

Meanwhile, General Paul Ely, French Chief of the General Staff, is due here today from Indo-China with his top-secret report on action necessary in the Tonkin Delta to prevent a bigger defeat than that of Dien Bien Phu.

General Ely and his advisers were rushed out by the French Government a week ago to sum up the situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Hints from official quarters today, where the highlights of the Ely report have already been received by cable, indicate that he recommends broadly:

1. Withdrawing from the scattered outposts of the Red River delta and concentrating the 80 French Union battalions inside a perimeter nearer the coast—and

2. Consolidating control of Cochinchina (southern Indo-China) with Saigon by sending another 30,000 regular troops there now stationed in Germany or North Africa.

French reports from Hanoi say that it is difficult to supply many of these outposts, some of which are manned only by Vietnamese troops of second class quality. They are faced, say the same reports, with 100,000 Vietminh soldiers, including one first-class division.

What the fate of Hanoi, the Tonkin capital, would be if withdrawal from the delta is decided upon is General Ely's

DIPLOMATIC VIEW

Following Foreign Minister Georges Bidault's weekend visit here and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's talk with Premier Laniel after the Entente Cordiale lunch yesterday the impression prevailed in diplomatic quarters that the French Government now expect the situation to evolve fairly rapidly towards a so-called internationalisation of the war in Indo-China.

Some Cabinet Ministers, including Paul Reynaud, the Vice-Premier, are strongly opposed to extending hostilities, but those French politicians who feel that peace is worth a bigger price than the Americans would like to see paid for it are in a difficult position.

The left-wing Radical M. Pierre Mendes France, 11 months ago made a nearly successful bid for the Premiership on a programme involving direct peace negotiations with Vietminh leader Ho Chi-minh. But today, after the rapid deterioration of the military situation, M. Mendes France is definitely not in the running for Premier.—Reuters.

The police used fists and clubs on the Communist youths in smashing the demonstrations and arrested 140 high school and college students.

The East German authorities recruited the youths, many only teenagers, in Soviet Zone schools for the rehearsal for German unity under Communist terms.

At today's demonstrations the youths tried to hand out anti-Western leaflets. They sang Communist songs and harassed West Berlin families out for Sunday strolls.—United Press.

Cambodian Town Evacuated

Saigon, May 23. Franco-Cambodian forces have evacuated Slem Pang, about 200 miles northeast of Phnompenh, the French High Command announced here tonight.

A command spokesman said King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia yesterday decided to evacuate Slem Pang which was not under Vietminh threat or pressure, to regroup elsewhere.

Slem Pang is only 25 miles from the Laotian border. The Vietminh captured Vorun Sai, 25 miles East, early last month and have exerted pressure in Northeast Cambodia ever since.—Reuters.

Failure Of Engines Caused Air Disaster

Wellington, May 24. Passengers' accounts of the airliner crash which cost the lives of three children on Saturday (May 22), indicate the engines of the National Airways Corporation Douglas aircraft failed as it came in low to land.

The three dead are Murray Sharpin, aged three of Southland, New Zealand, Keith Spink, aged five and Lin Francis Spink, one and a half years of Plenty, New Zealand. Seven of the 27 passengers and crew aboard the plane are still in hospital the others were discharged after treatment.

The aircraft was approaching Paraparaparua airport, 33 miles from Wellington, in rain and low cloud when the engine appeared cut out, said 20-year-old Michael John Shardown of Christchurch. "Just before we hit the ground, the port engine picked up again, causing the plane to tilt sharply. We flew around and hit the ground."

At the same time, Hanoi lies under a very serious threat and the French are by no means excluding an attack despite the rains by General Giap next month.

A withdrawal to the coastal region in Tonkin and the concentration of the main French Union forces in Cochinchina (Saigon), where the Vietnamese are reportedly weak, would fit in with the two possibilities now facing France in Indo-China.

If the delta were in fact abandoned and consequently left to General Giap, the Vietnamese in Geneva, it is argued in some Government quarters here, might prove less obdurate in negotiations since they would be getting some substantial part of what they are presumed to be aiming at in Geneva.

On the other hand, if the war goes on and American military forces intervene, the previous concentration of existing French forces would soon be a favourable basis for counter-attacks against the Vietnamese army.

Asked if the Administration were ready for a showdown with Senator McCarthy, Mr Stassen said his aim in answering the Senator was to keep the record straight and prevent distortions.

ABIDED BY BAN

Mr Stassen replied sharply to Senator McCarthy after the Senate speech on Thursday. He elaborated today that all this country's allies had abided by the ban on strategic trade with the Communists.

Mr Stassen said Britain, Japan and other free nations traded with the Reds because they needed the trade and the peaceful goods involved. He said the United States banned all trade with the Chinese Communists because this country did not need any of the goods.

Captain Petet is still in hospital with burns and shock. His condition is reported as fair.—Reuters.

42 TERRORISTS SLAIN

Nairobi, May 23. Forty-two terrorists were killed in engagements with security forces in the last 24 hours, East Africa headquarters announced today.

Twenty-six of them fell in a running battle between a large gang and police and troops a few miles south of Nairobi, one of the most active centres of the Mau Mau country, north of Nairobi.

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Three of the men jumped into a car, picked up a truck which later was found abandoned in Little Rock. The fourth fled on foot as an alarm was sounded.—United Press.

Four Criminals Escape

Little Rock, Arkansas, May 23. A nationwide alert was broadcast today for four dangerous criminals, including a murderer and a narcotics addict, who escaped from an Arkansas State institution after overpowering three guards.

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The Queen Back Home



Repatriation Of Dien Bien Phu Wounded

NEW SYSTEM TO BE TESTED

Hanoi, May 24. The French command announced it hoped to be able to evacuate a total of about 130 wounded from Dien Bien Phu today.

A test relay system will be set up at Muong Sal, about 60 miles from Dien Bien Phu, from which point the wounded will be transported to Luang Prabang, or directly to Hanoi by Dakota aircraft. The total number of wounded evacuated so far has now climbed to 29, of which 150 were evacuated on May 20, 17 on May 21, and 114 on May 22.

A military spokesman said that authorisation had been asked from the authorities in Paris to permit Nurse Genevieve de Galard, who will still be under military discipline on her return from Dien Bien Phu, to answer the questions of journalists when she arrives here. She is expected to come to Hanoi very shortly.

It was believed that a press conference would be organised when she arrives.

The spokesman said it was likely that Mademoiselle de Galard would remain in Indo-China until her auxiliary nurse contract expires.—France-Press.

Leading Huk Woman Arrested

Manila, May 24. A top Huk Amazon with a price of \$5,000 on her head was captured by army troops in a surprise raid on Sunday in the village of Bulacan in Bulacan province on central Luzon.

Pretty Gloria Carlas, alias Commander Luning, also known as "pistol-packing mama", was captured with another Huk Amazon while visiting the house of a relative.

When grilled by army investigators, Luning reportedly said that top Communist leader Jesus Lava had ordered her followers to liquidate the surrendered Huk leader Luis Taruc.

It was this order that probably led Taruc to surrender; Luning was further quoted as saying.

Taruc's trial is scheduled for tomorrow morning.—France-Press.



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ASIAN SOCIALISTS MEET TOMORROW

To Discuss Dangers Of Communism And Colonialism



Princess Margaret, wearing a smart two-piece suit, walking with her dog from the plane at London Airport when she returned with the Queen Mother from a holiday in Scotland. They were in London to welcome home the Queen and the Duke from their royal tour abroad. —Central Press

Propaganda Radio For South Korea

Seoul, May 24. The South Korean Government is to build a high powered radio transmitter to spread South Korean propaganda.

The radio broadcasts will, among other things, seek more financial aid for South Korea. The station is to be built at Yongdungpo, a suburb of Seoul.

The South Korean Government has not disclosed how much money it has allocated for the project.

But experts estimate that the transmission equipment, which will be bought in the United States, the building to house it and the generator to power it will alone cost about 5,000,000 dollars.

The station will be ten times more powerful than the biggest radio station in South Korea at present, Seoul's HKA.

COMICS TOO

"The Voice of Free Korea," as it will be named, will also broadcast to Japan, North Korea and Communist China. But its broadcasts will be primarily directed at the United States.

President Syngman Rhee intends to spread South Korean propaganda by the printed as well as the spoken word. The Government has set aside \$1,000,000 for the expansion of its English-language newspaper "The Korean Republic."

The money will be used to import the latest type printing plants, capable of printing in

CATHOLICS PRAY FOR PEACE

Vatican City, May 23. Millions of Catholic children all over the world joined today for the first time in prayers for peace.

In thousands of churches they recited a prayer specially composed by the Pope who had fixed today as an annual day of children's prayers for peace.

In Rome, about 30,000 children collected in the Basilica of Mary Major to recite the prayer while schools throughout Italy gathered their pupils at special services. —Reuter.

Queen And Duke At Church

Balmoral, Aberdeenshire, May 23.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who are on a short holiday at Balmoral Castle, their Scots country residence, went to the morning service at nearby Crathie Church today with members of their staff and tenants from the Royal estate.

The Queen was in grey and the Duke wore highland dress. —China Mail Special.

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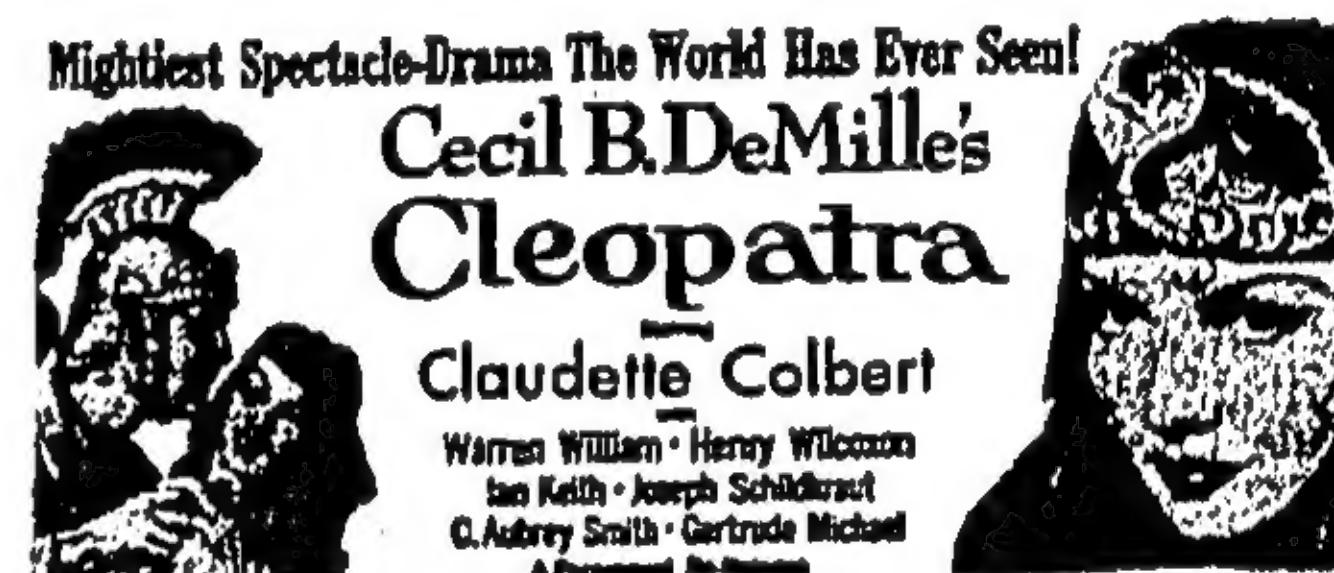
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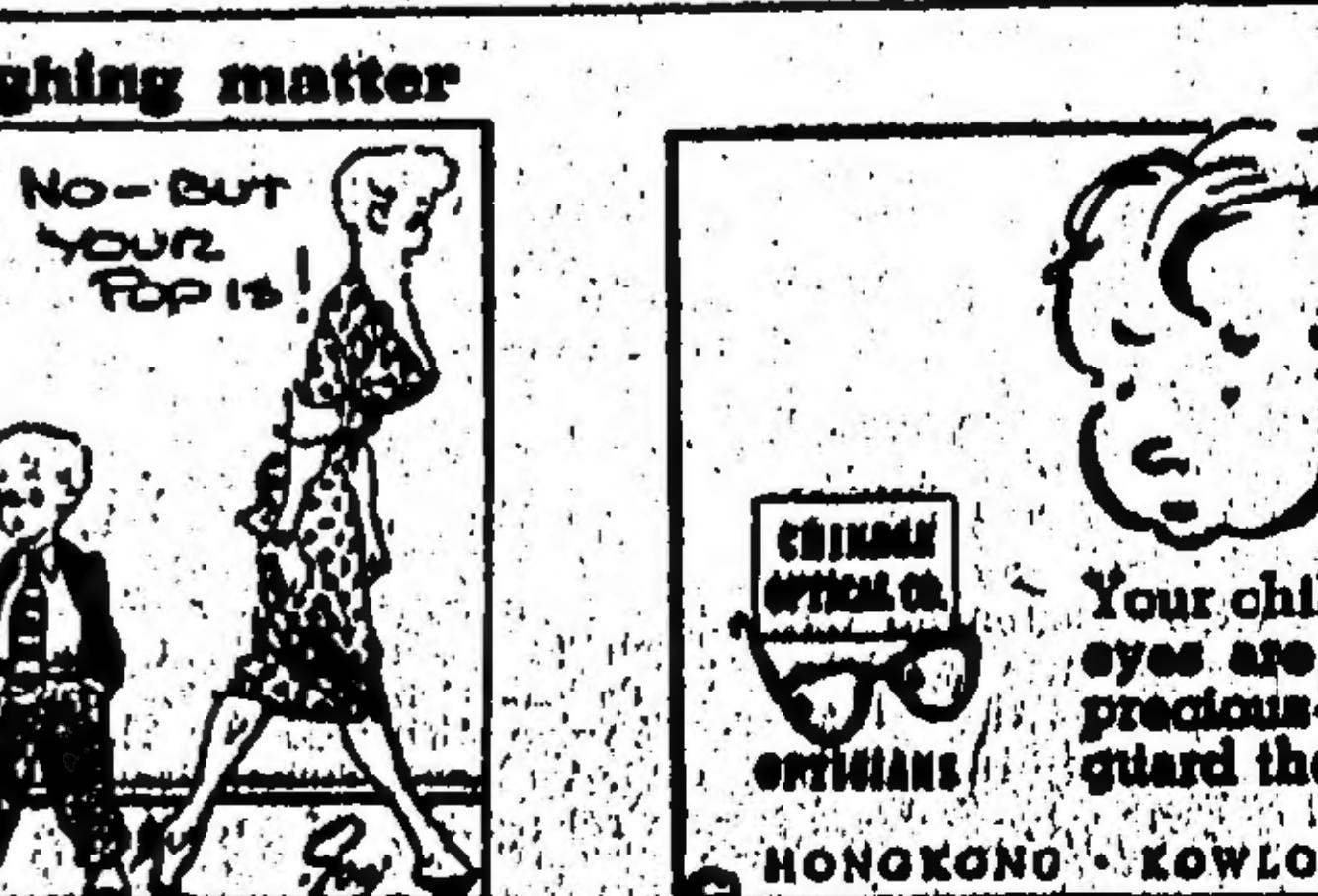
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WEST FACES CRITICAL WEEK AT GENEVA

Fundamental Issues On Indo-China And Korea Still Unresolved

Comets May Be Flying Soon

Barne, May 23. The Chief Executive of British European Airways, Mr. Peter Masefield, said today he thought the mystery of the Comet disasters would be solved very soon.

He told the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce in Switzerland he was sure the Comets would be in the air again before very long.

He predicted faster than sound passenger transport in the next ten years.

Mr Masefield referred to the turbo-prop "Viscount" airliners as the "finest passenger planes in the world" and said that since their introduction the BEA had increased its traffic on the London-Zurich route alone by 118 per cent.

Reuter.

Who Will Succeed Gen. Franco?

Madrid, May 23. The chances of a restoration of the monarchy in Spain appear to have diminished.

That at least is the conclusion reached by usually well-informed observers here following informal talks held in Madrid between Falangists and Monarchs to discuss a possible restoration.

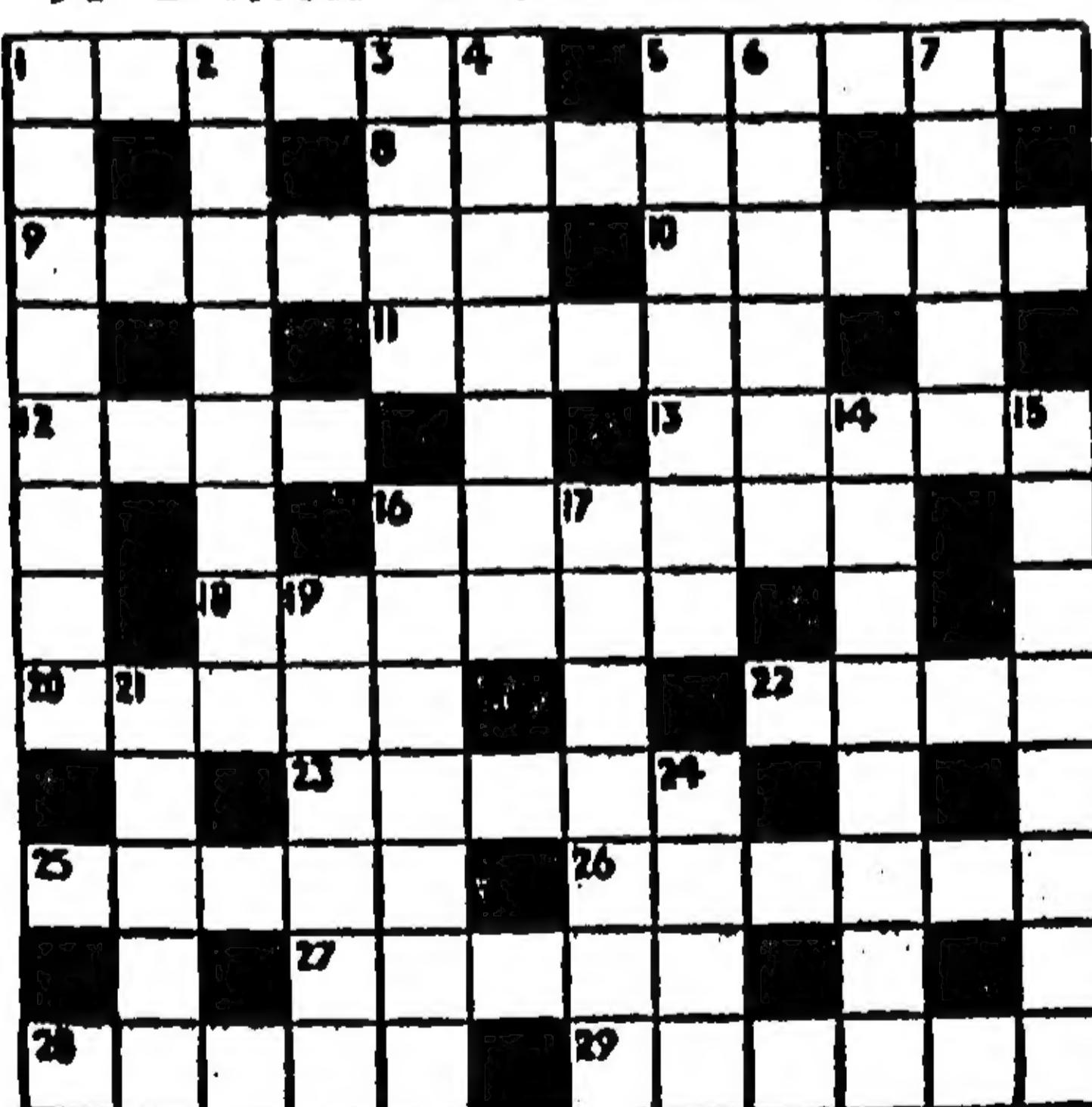
The candidate of the "Carlist" sector of the Bourbon family, Archduke Anthony of Hapsburg, resident in Austria, seems to have considerable support. But the Lega claims to the throne of the descendants of the late King Alfonso XIII, namely his son, Prince Juan, and his grandson, Prince Juan Carlos, are so strong that the adoption of a "Carlist" candidate would be difficult.

Prince Juan is not popular in Falange circles and these have criticised his recent visit aboard a British naval unit in the Mediterranean, alleging that it was "incorrect" of him to make such a visit while the question of the forthcoming visit of Queen Elizabeth to Gibraltar is the subject of controversy between Spain and Britain.

Now have the proposals to name the 16-year-old Prince Juan Carlos as heir to the throne instead of his 40-year-old father made any headway.

General Franco, of course, now 61, continues to keep a vigilant grip on the government of the land, and the problem of who shall succeed him as Head of the State does not appear to be imminent. It is thought possible here that another high Army officer may eventually succeed him and not a royal personage.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Hot-headed person (6).
- Dance (5).
- Best part (5).
- Fruit (6).
- Clear (5).
- Plunder (5).
- Opulent (4).
- Fastens down (5).
- Property (6).
- Assemblies (6).
- View (5).
- Fruit (4).
- Cover with cloth (5).
- Obese (6).
- In high spirits (6).
- Used to guide or check a horse (6).
- Avarice (6).
- Nursed (6).

DOWN

- Part of a bed (8).
- Residence (8).
- Deeds (4).
- Suggest (7).
- Travelling-bags (7).
- Lucky charm (6).
- Upset (6).
- Helped (6).
- Went down (6).
- Warded off (7).
- Riptile (7).
- Last (6).
- Provide for (6).
- Besides (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across: 3 Afar, 7 Clump, 8 Anon, 9 Liss, 10 Diluted, 12 Piece, 15 Spots, 16 Asks, 18 Trend, 21 Melts, 22 Soots, 23 Nailed, 24 Grow, 29 Diluted, 30 Room, 31 Ruse, 32 Demur, 33 Ninth, 34 Down, 35 Plain, 36 Impasse, 4 Vink, 5 Rasp, 6 Pose, 9 Legs, 10 Ticks, 12 Loop, 14 Aids, 18 Steel, 17 Smug, 18 Also, 20 Reduces, 22 Skim, 24 Adorn, 26 Revise, 27 Root, 28 Wives.

Hitler's Generals In East German Police?

Washington, May 23. A survey published by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that former Hitler generals and other high officers were turning up in the uniform of Soviet controlled East Germany's Police Force.

The survey also cited what it said were resemblances to methods of the Nazi regime in East Germany's labour and youth policies.

Prepared by Library of Congress specialists, the survey said that East German workers and housewives would provide the real cadres of continued resistance to Soviet domination and that integration of West Germany into a European Community could intensify such resistance.

The researchers said that the Soviet Union had a precedent for the use of Hitlerite generals and other prominent figures in the "Free German" Committee.

they set up in Moscow in 1943 while still at war with Germany.

The study said: "A particular feature of the new Soviet-German Army is the use of former Hitler generals and high officers."

The officer corps which includes Russians "has not shown significant indication of large scale unreliability," the survey said, but from 1949 about 6,000 rank and file members of the forces deserted to West Berlin.

Reasons cited were recognition that they were receiving Army not police training; dis-appointment with pay scales and objection to political indoctrination; restrictions and forced participation in party activities that took time and money.

Reuter.

Meetings today of some of the 2,500 strikers again resolved to continue the walk-out, which began a week ago at one west of England depot.

The extension of "lodging turns" to which the majority of footplate men—strikers and non-strikers alike—are firmly opposed was backed by the rail unions in agreements with the British Transport Commission.

The Commission, which runs the state-owned rail system, refuses to compromise. Union leaders have refused to approve the strike and have urged strikers to return to work pending negotiations with the Transport Commission.

The possibility of strike action in other regions of the British railway network loomed tonight with the decision of the York branch of a rail union to urge men in the north and northern parts of the country to stop work.

Reuter.

They're Hearing Petrov's Evidence



Military Talks On Southeast Asia May Begin On June 1

Washington, May 23. High level military talks on Southeast Asia are expected to open in Washington on June 1 between Britain, France, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Though final details have not yet been decided, diplomatic circles believe the talks will be at the Chiefs of Staff level.

The conference will discuss the present and potential military situation in Indo-China and Southeast Asia.

Among contingencies expected to be considered are:

1. The further worsening of the military situation in the Red River Delta in view in Indo-China.

2. Failure of the Geneva conference to produce a ceasefire or agree on a settlement for Indo-China.

3. Increased Chinese Communist intervention in the fight.

The conference is expected to provide: The estimate of the military factors which should be of great importance in the diplomatic discussions involving

the proposed Southeast Asian security alliance, the area this alliance should embrace and who should belong to it.

Some British and United States differences of opinion are believed to grow from divergent estimates of the military potentialities in Southeast Asia. The Washington talks should do much to bridge the differences, observers say.

The military chiefs, however, will not be empowered to discuss or commit men to any alliance which might later be formed.—Reuter.

19 Out Of 20 Skin Cancer Cases Cured

London, May 23. Lord Horder, Chairman of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, and one of the Queen's physicians, said tonight 19 out of 20 medically attended cases of cancer of the skin were cured nowadays.

In the 1920s this complaint was common and caused a lot of suffering, he said in a broadcast appeal for funds.

Cancer of the prostate gland, formerly cured only by a serious operation if diagnosed, had come under control by the use of a medicine produced after long research by a British Empire cancer campaign worker.

The fact is that by improved surgical technique, or by radiation, or by using both together, we cure more cases of cancer today than ever before, and yet the essential cause of cancer still eludes us and we must not rest until we have found it.

"We know that a number of irritants predispose certain organs to cancer—excessive smoking in the case of cancer of the lung is a popular example at the moment—but we do not know what it is that makes the growing cell take on what is called the 'malignant' character."—Reuter.

Rail Strike Continues In England

London, May 23. Key rail workers, whose strike in the west of England and South Wales has disrupted communications, met with little success today in their efforts to extend the walk-out to other rail depots in the region.

But the unofficial strike of 2,500 engine drivers and firemen, who has completely disrupted normal passenger and freight services in ten English counties since it broke out a week ago, showed no signs of ending.

The strikers object to a new system of "lodging turns" under which they are to sleep away from home between journeys more often.

Passenger services to and from the West Country were again hit by half today. Skelton local services were run. Goods continued to pile up in freight yards throughout the region.

Steel factories and coal mines in South Wales were beginning to feel alarm at the possibility of a lasting hold-up. So far fruit, vegetable and flower growers in the West Country's market gardens have been hardest hit.

At Birmingham, chief industrial city of the Midlands, footplate men voted heavily in favour of staying at work. At Gloucester, Exeter and four small depots in South Wales men also decided to continue working though they declared their sympathy for the strike's aim.

FURTHER ACTION?

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"TOOK THE LEAP BUT TURNED BACK IN MID-AIR"

America Changed Its Mind About Intervention

Washington, May 23. Senator George Smathers said today the United States "actually took the leap" toward active intervention in the Indo-China war recently "but turned back in mid-air".

His remarks, made at an American Legion meeting in St Petersburg, Florida, brought an immediate denial from a Republican Senator but equally prompt support from a Democratic member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Senator Smathers told the Legionnaires they would be shocked "if you knew how near we were to actual participation in Indo-China just a few weeks ago."

"When the story is finally written, it will be seen that America actually took the leap, but turned back in mid-air."

The Senator departed from his prepared text to say the plan was "turned back in mid-air after the intervention of three or four American patriots". He did not elaborate.

The Defence Department had no immediate comment. But Senator Francis Case, a Republican member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Senator Smathers must have been "talking figuratively and not specifically". He said he knew of no plan for direct intervention in Indo-China.

Representative Melvin Price, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said there was a good deal of justification for Senator Smathers' statement.

Mr Price said he had reliable information that the administration wanted to intervene directly in Indo-China before the fall of Dien Bien Phu but was blocked by lack of support from the British and despite for such action by Republican congressional leaders.

Representative F. Edward Heber, another member of the House group, said he had no personal knowledge of what Senator Smathers was talking about.

The question of possible U.S. intervention in Indo-China has been the subject of a good deal of talk in administration and Congressional circles recently.

The controversy was started by Vice-President Richard Nixon. Speaking at a newspaper editors' meeting recently, he said the free world should prevent the fall of Indo-China to the Communists if the French decided to pull out.

Senator Case said the administration may have indicated to the French and British that it would seek joint Indo-China action from Congress if this country's two major allies were ready to support such a venture. But he said he knew of no actual proposal beyond the shipping of U.S. planes and maintenance crews to Indo-China.

FOUR-POINT PLAN

Mr Price and Mr Herbert said they had not been kept informed of administration plans for Indo-China. But Mr Price said he had learned from "very authoritative" sources that the administration was ready to ship more concrete U.S. aid to the French but changed its mind at the last minute.

Senator Smathers, in his Florida speech, urged a four-point programme to prepare for possible war—united military training, standby economic control, outlawing Communism and a revitalised anti-Communist programme.

He said President Eisenhower's statement that he would not send troops to Indo-China without the permission of Congress was "reassuring." He noted that the President still had authority to send troops "wherever and whenever he likes."—United Press.

More Facts Needed

Los Angeles, May 23. Chairman Alexander Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee voiced doubts today about the Administration's "new look" military policy and warned against any attempt to "go-it-alone" in Indo-China.

He also urged that the people be given more "facts" on Indo-China. The people should be told, he said, that ground troops would probably have to be sent there if the United States and its Allies decided to intervene.

Senator Wiley, emphasising he has the "greatest confidence" in President Eisenhower and U.S. military leaders, questioned whether the Army should be cut from 20 to 17 divisions in

view of the United States' "increasing responsibilities" throughout the world.

Speaking at a Jewish community forum, he said the American people not only must be given a picture about the "adequacy" of their armed forces but also "must be given the facts— even more facts than they have been given—concerning the crisis in Southeast Asia."

He made no attempt to "spell out in detail" what course of action the United States would take in Indo-China. But he said he was not impressed with the argument that U.S. air and naval forces alone might be enough to halt the Communist armies.

NOT A POLICE ACTION

"We should not begin a military action of this nature on a so-called limited basis, with air force and navy, without very clearly recognising that in this type of jungle and rice-paddy war especially, Air and Naval sources may not be able to prove the exclusive deciding factor," he said.

The United States must act "with its eyes wide open," he declared, and be aware of all the "consequences." If America did commit itself in Asia, it could not be called a "police action" when it "very definitely may prove to be an action of war—of belligerency."

In rejecting the "go-it-alone" philosophy, Senator Wiley said the United States "must have the willing co-operation of our allies in Europe and of the free states in Asia." Indo-China and "must not attempt independent, unilateral action."

At the same time, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was said to be making "steady progress" with his plan to build a collective security alliance in Asia to fight against Communist aggression.

"WE CANNOT DELAY"

Senator Wiley was warned that "time is of the essence—we cannot delay indefinitely, nor can our allies."

He said that in shaping policy on Indo-China, the Government must bear in mind the nation's economic status, possible co-operation of the Allies and "the fact that neither we nor anyone else can possibly save any nation which does not want to save itself."

"It is bad not to take a stand, but it is infinitely worse to take a stand which you cannot sustain and where you are going to suffer defeat," he said.

London Welcomes The Queen



London, May 24. Every railway point in Great Britain welcomed the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh as they travelled to the Royal Commonwealth Show, the 50,000th mile tour of the Commonwealth. Reuter.

MURDER!

'SAVE THE BOY,' I CRIED, BUT THE DYING MAN JUST SMILED AT ME

By LEONARD MOSLEY

The police are hunting for 10-year-old TONY ROWE, who vanished after seeing his mother murdered. He has an illness which will kill him unless he is given an injection; and his father, GEORGE ROWE, may die too, on the gallows, for he has been arrested for the murder. Superintendent STANLEY, of Scotland Yard, learns that Tony was kidnapped and questions JOE TRENT, a bookmaker, about the man HARRY THRAKE, convicted thief, who knows where Tony is. Then he hears a scream.

REIDCAR. I WAS very quick about it. But racecourses are awkward places. There was, for instance, a race being run just as I started out from the police box towards the silver ring.

The crowd had surged to the rails. The bookies were reckoning up. The tote machines were still dealing with queues from the last race.

It was a field of confusion in which the thoughts of most people around me were centred in six hours galloping down the straight. They were in no mood to make room for me. They were in no mood to be pleasant or co-operative with the police, chasing in on the crowd in the silver ring.

Then the race was over and the crowd was surging back from the rails. And suddenly, a woman screamed. A man shouted. After which a hubbub arose, and someone shouted, "Ambulance man, ambulance man!"

Lying in the mud, not far from the rail, was Harry Thrake. He was not quite dead. Someone had stuck a sharp object in just the right place in his back, but had withdrawn the weapon too quickly, probably because the crowd was beginning to thin as he ended his throat. It had given the lie to the just a few more minutes of life.

I had no compunction about my behaviour towards this dying man. I saw the clouds curling in his eyes and I bent down and shook him, trying to stir the last moments of sense into his dying brain.

"Harry," I said. "This is the police. I meant what I said when I promised you immunity. But I need your help. Who did

this to you? Who is your boss? What has he done with Tony Rowe? Save the boy! I beseech you, save the boy!"

He was still alive enough to speak, but he just lay there, ebbling away, and smiling cynically at me as he died.

Genial Joe Trent was standing just behind me. "The poor devil," he said. "His fat face

looking very sad."

As I turned away from the body, black despair in my heart, I could have sworn I saw a familiar face, a pale and frightened, and a familiar pair of white hoop earrings, somewhere in the crowd. But when I looked more closely, the face was gone.

We took the body to the mortuary and then began questioning the people we had picked up on the course. But, in the milling crowd, no one had seen how it had happened. Anyone, just anyone, could have killed Harry Thrake.

I took long statements from Joe Trent, Hymie Finkelhoff, and the clerk, and then let them go. They were on their way south early to get a good stand for the Newmarket meeting, so I knew where to find them. Genial Joe was at his fruitiest as he apologised for not having been of more help.

All Saturday night and all Sunday we worked on the case—and were no nearer solving the killing by the end of the evening.

I went through the things we had taken out of Harry Thrake's pockets. There were tickets, bills, odd notes, matchbooks, and snapshots. The snapshots might, in other circumstances, have got him into trouble with the law; they were that kind of picture.

I looked through them with distaste and then jolted upright in my seat. For one of the more respectable photographs—she at least wore a bathing costume—was of the hooped

curling blonde I had seen in the car at Edinburgh. The other (a peculiar one this time) was of Mrs Diana Rowe, the murdered woman.

Then I slumped back again. Here was a clue that pinned Harry Thrake to the dead woman and, through her, to missing Tony Rowe. But what good did that do me now Harry Thrake was beyond questioning?

It was going on for midnight on Sunday when I got up to leave police headquarters to go to my hotel, and I have rarely felt so miserable. I simply did not know what to do next. Oh, I had made all sorts of preparations, I had, for instance, asked the Yard to contact Edinburgh police and have them send little Johnny Macdonald to join me.

If we did find a suspect in the next twenty-four hours, Johnny might be able to identify him as the man who had kidnapped Tony in Edinburgh.

I hadn't much hope, though. Time was running out, and the life of Tony Iuputut Rowe was ebbing away.

The lounge of the little hotel was deserted when I came in and there was no one to run the lift, so I walked upstairs. The lights in the corridor were dim and dispiriting, and I had to take out my pencil torch to see the number on my door.

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TOMORROW:

A woman plots revenge

FIND THIS BOY

He's dying, as the hunt to save his life begins its seventh day

and stopped inside that I felt a soft body, pressed close to me, edge into the room too.

I swung round, but a white hand went out and tried to shut the door behind us. A voice, soft and foreign, said: "Please, Superintendent Stanley! Do not put on the light."

"Who are you? What do you want?" I asked.

But I already knew who she was. Even in the darkness I could see those white hooped earrings; and, from a chink of light under the bedroom door, catch the sheen of the dark hair, the glint of the large stone in the ring on her finger, as her hand reached out and pulled me towards her.

It was the girl who had driven the car with Harry Thrake in Edinburgh, the vixen-brunette with the large eyes.

"What do you want?" I asked again, wrenching free and reaching for the light.

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HILLARY STARTED SWEET BOOM

By J. W. Taylor

BUSINESS is booming in District, because of a nation-wide demand for the noted sweetment Kendal Mint Cake, occasioned ever since it became known that Edmund Hillary had carried a supply to the summit of Mount Everest, after consuming portions of it.

People from London, Liverpool, Leicester and Land's End are buying it, and the glut of orders from home and overseas shows no sign of decreasing. The sweetment is even drawing the tourists to the district, who make a special point of asking for "some of the Everest toffee."

Most Important

The six Lake district makers of this sweet are now going in for automatic wrapping to cope with rising demands. The ancestors of one produced the first lettered rock-toffee in Britain 120 years ago and sold in the Isle of Man. It was the Romney firm at Kendal that supplied the Everest Expedition with the Kendal Mint Cake, described in an official letter of thanks to the makers as the most important item in the high-altitude rations.

This is not surprising because one or other of the Kendal Mint Cake makers, using old local recipes and methods which have hardly changed in two centuries of production, have supplied the sweetment to many famous expeditions. During rationing the Romneys received special Government concession in making materials "on the ration" after it had been found that the employees had given up their coupons to enable the firm to claim extras.

Where Started

Almost every British expedition to the Arctic, Antarctica and the great mountains of the world this century have been supplied with Kendal Mint Cake, which it is claimed was "originated" in 1869 by Joseph Wipert, of Kendal, although old man Jenkins, of Sandes Avenue, was said to have been making it at the same time and, even before his day, that Bony Court made it at the back of a shop in the main street.

The Wiper business and the original Kendal Mint Cake recipe was bought by Aitken's of Windermere, who supplied it to so many expeditions, including Shackleton's in 1914 and to six Everest, that they ran out of recording space on the wrappers, where only 20 of them are mentioned.

Kendal Mint Cake from one manufacturer can taste quite different from that of another. (Continued on Page 7, Col. 2)



"Never seem to run into such a thing as a BEAUTIFUL spy these days."

COMMUNIST YOUTH IS UNEASY

By David Laidlaw

A MONG the many words

the Communists have

debased is "culture."

Like "peace" and "democracy," "culture" is something everyone ought to have in liberal quantities, and it is true that in the Soviet Union and its satellites the Communist Party has set up thousands of so-called Houses and Palaces of Culture with this aim ostensibly in view.

But there is a great disparity between democratic and totalitarian conceptions of "culture."

The Communist conception, for example, is purely ideological.

The Houses and Palaces of Culture, it seems, are primarily designed to secure the political indoctrination of young workers

"process" begun in

the Pioneer Houses which cater for children—behind facade of nominal cultural amenities. Some of the institutions are lavishly equipped

—there is often a swimming bath, gymnasium, and a theatre—and it is worth noting that on the Palace of Culture at Katowice, Poland, a sum of 15 million zloty was spent.

Not enthusiastic

It is clear, however, that youth behind the Iron Curtain is by no means enamoured of the gifts bestowed by the Communist Party. There is a widespread lack of enthusiasm for the approved brands of "culture." Szabad Nép, a leading Hungarian daily, made the main reason for this to the "amazing speed with which club managers are appointed and dismissed." In the club attached to Pits 7 and 8 of the Chisinau-Kovnatsk Mines Trust, there had been four managers in six months, and at the Kadijevka (Ukraine) Palace of Culture, where miners were "rare visitors," the management had been changed 18 times in four years.

Cultural institutions had "crumpled their programmes too full of politics," and many workers had arbitrarily used rooms in Houses of Culture for "other purposes." The Hungarian Minister of Adult Education declared recently: "Our Houses of Culture are mostly cold and neglected—there is no life in them."

Directors of artistic self-expression circles are similarly appointed, transferred and dismissed in an incredibly irresponsible way," said, Sovetskaya Kultura. The paper added: "To attract people to culture, to

A Hungarian journalist, writing in the March 1954 issue of Buvell Nép (Cultured People), revealed that conditions have still not improved.

"Where do the Hungarian working people go to enjoy themselves? Let's face it—they go home... But a small flat is

not the place for singing, dancing or big parties... The Houses of Culture are empty, and the young people go to DISY (youth organisation) headquarters only on business as they feel it is too much like school."

Refugees from Poland report that young people there have neither the time nor the inclination to join in Communist-run voluntary activities; the compulsory activities are too numerous and exacting. For those still at school, the amount of homework laid down is excessive; there are sports circles and Youth Union functions to attend, and often much social work, such as the collecting of scrap-iron and waste-paper, duties which it would be unwise to avoid, even if it were possible.

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The same trend is apparent in other satellite States. Scutisca Tineretului, the Romanian youth paper, recently lectured its readers on the importance of a "respectful attitude" towards their elders.

"Do not think you are clever and do not need advice; heed the opinion of your parents and their experience."

The Czechoslovak Svobodne Slovo reported the trial

not long ago of a group

calling themselves "The Riders of Vyshrad" (a district of Prague), whose members were

said to have been emulating American gangsters—not, of course, the hooligans of the USSR! They had been holding people up and spending the proceeds of their robberies on drink.

We must be careful, of course, in taking Communist statements at their face value, whether they concern the backslidings of youth or the unpopularity of "culture."

It might be that some of the outrages which the Party authorities choose to brand as hooliganism are really attempts at resistance, for it should be remembered that resistance cannot take a peaceful form when the processes of democracy have been destroyed.

A special committee to fight hooliganism has been set up by the Cracow Municipal Council

and on February 7, 1954, the Polish Home Service, commanding

an attack by hooligans, referred to the "many young boys who wander aimlessly through the streets beating up passersby."

According to the commentator, the Nazi occupation was

Feel confused

POSSIBLY, also the Houses of Culture are not as empty as we are told they are; there is, in fact, news from refugees that such places in Hungary have become centres of anti-Communist gossip.

Again, it may be that the Party needs to discredit youth in some degree to justify further measures of regimentation and so obtain what it badly requires—a more disciplined labour force.

If hooliganism is widespread, however, we can scarcely be surprised. With the leisure hours of parents and older children consumed by outside activities, the continuity of home life has been broken and the children deprived of its steady influence.

It is the Party and yet finding no more freedom outside the home than within it. Communist youth may well feel in a confused way that it has been cheated.

And the "culture" imposed by the Party has not succeeded in silencing its protests.

BUT WHO'S ALL WET?

By LES ARMOUR

SADLY and humbly, Sir Alexander Maxwell concedes defeat to a glass of water.

All his efforts to make Britain a paradise for the North American visitor have met with success—

save his effort to get a glass of water, preferably iced water, on the restaurant table.

He and his bustling organisation, the British Travel and Holidays Association, have warned, threatened, cajoled, pleaded.

But the restaurateurs have remained adamant. The wine waiters throw up water; it will be brought to their hands in horror. The wine waiters throw up water; and it will

almost certainly be luke warm.

This is destined to be a fight to the finish. It is a matter of principle on both sides.

The American, one supposes

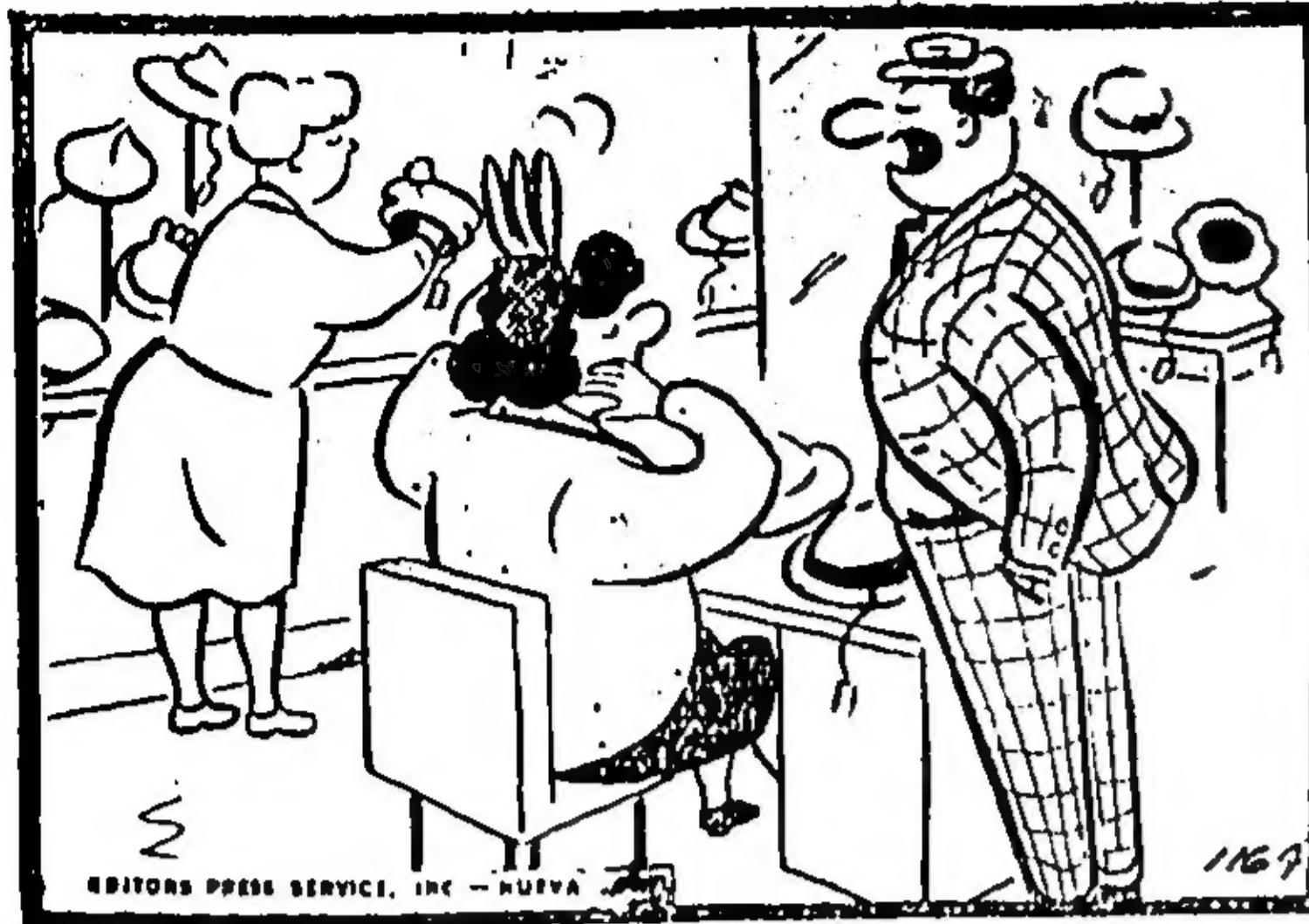
on the other hand, feels that his best efforts could only be ruined by great gulps of tasteless iced water. Besides, there is no time to a glass of water.

More important, there is little too exotic for ordinary use.

The English restaurateur

on the other hand, feels that his best efforts could only be ruined by great gulps of tasteless iced water.

More important, there is



"Did she say no one else could wear it, or would wear it?"

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

NO man has done more to attract the American tourist to Britain than Captain K. A. enough, whose entry into the antique trade some years ago caused such a brouhaha.

This spring and summer the Captain is concentrating on antiques with an historical interest. As he said yesterday, "What is the use of selling a Jacobean mustard pot unless you can certify that Henry VIII ate his mustard out of it?" The factory is at present turning on a number of beds in which Wellington slept before Moliplique for one in country hotels where Americans have booked rooms. Fouldenough's main task is to keep an eye on this factory, as the manager makes claims for the antiques which cannot always be substantiated.

K.A.G.

FOULENOUGH yesterday sold F to an hotel in Wilts a very handsome Plantagenet bed. Later the manager rang up to ask what the initials K.A.G. meant. He had found them roughly carved in the wood at the head of the bed. After inquiries at the factory Fouldenough was told that the initials stood for King Alfred the Great, who had slept in the bed. Realising that this sort of thing would never do, Fouldenough informed the hotel that K.A.G. stood for R. A. Gruyere, the inventor of the famous cheese, who had slept

in this bed while visiting Cardinal Wolsey.

Twenty years of uproar

It is a work that should be administered in small doses.

(Music critic)

TAKE your medicine like a man!" shouted the first violin to a recalcitrant fellow in the stalls. But the kindly conductor stopped the performance. "Give them a few minutes to recover from that last dose," he said firmly. Then I think I'm on the right track to those who were grinning after the second movement of the concerto. When the third movement began, several people held their hands over their ears, to help them to swallow it. "Come, come," said the conductor amiably, as he turned to face the audience. "It's only five or six more bars, then it'll be all over."

City notes

I AM always being asked why the Treasury does not fund the floating debt. The answer is simple. There is no floating debt. It exists only on paper, and if there is another fall in the Bank rate next year, the balance between gold and the supply of credit will have to be bolstered by the immediate negotiation of all short-term bills. It is only when the merchant bankers fail to find underwriters that the long-term bills are discounted, thus settling up a floating debt.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 24

BORN today, you have a gentle and kind nature which has a great deal of personal magnetism. Your innate goodness attracts people of all kinds into your orbit. You might easily become the leader of a salon where those of similar tastes and talents are in high demand. You must not, in seeking to further the careers of others, however, neglect your own talents, for they are considerable.

You also have a high degree of nervous energy and physical stamina. You are always busy at something.

TUESDAY, MAY 25

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Appearance is only important for all personal ambitions. Proceed with due caution.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Day-dreaming is a lot of fun but it is the hard work in this world that reaps the high profits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) — You may be under pressure to which you must submit. Measure up to the demands in all respects.

VENUS (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Being friendly is really so inexpensive! Don't begrudge your time; always go half way.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Be sharp-witted when it comes to making money, especially when it is right in front of your eyes!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — You are under excellent auspices today. Tackle even the toughest job and it should be easy, now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Let yesterday's pastime and optimism die. We have a problem for you today. It can...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Face the music with a smile. Get an early start on a job that needs doing and finish it.

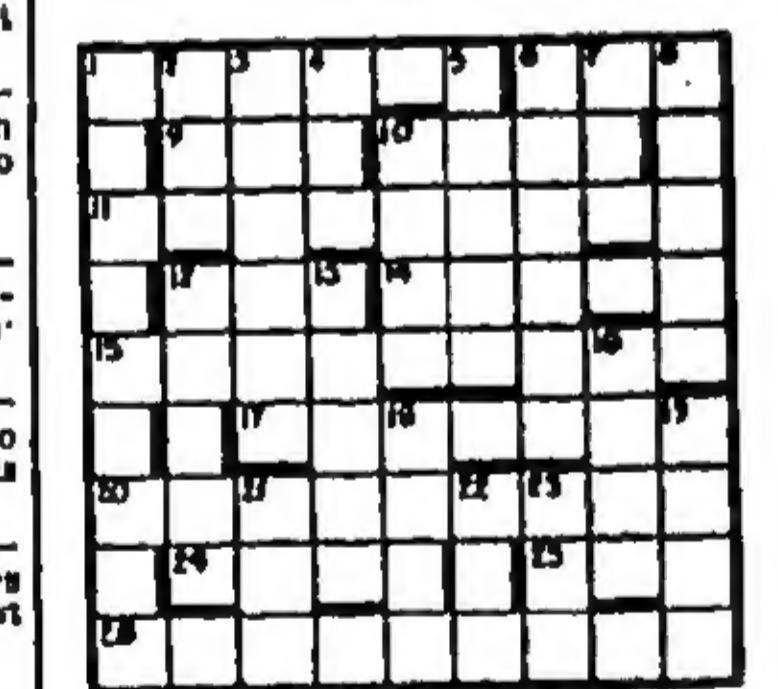
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Well, friends may try to be helpful with suggestions. Make sure they are also practical.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Stay within your budget if you are wise so that you may have something to spare for another time.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) — If you have kept your idealism and ambition, that is always good—but don't be rash in developing

your ambitions. Proceed with due caution.

CROSSWORD



KITCHEE 0, ARMY 0

OUTSTANDING DISPLAY BY KITCHEE GOALKEEPER SPLIT TWO POINTS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

What is the secret combination of Army forwards and floodlights that inspires Kitchee goalkeepers to turn in brilliant displays between the posts. At the beginning of March young Jimmy Cheung thrilled friend and foe alike with a series of spell binding saves... and on Saturday night, in the Colony's first-ever floodlight League match, Cheung Koon-hing defied the Army's eager forwards time and again with neck or nothing clearances.

That the game finished in a goalless draw was due to an outstanding display by the Kitchee goalkeeper. During a spell of Army pressure in the first half he threw himself across the goal to push away a flashing drive that appeared to have him well beaten.

Midway through the second half he was caught on the wrong foot when Lunnon smacked him. Lunnon was injured the right arm and was unable to move his right hand to the ball and deflected it over the bar.

It was a thrilling place of goading and the fact that Granger in the opposite goal was giving Cheung a hearty hand clap was not lost on the Chinese fans behind the goal and they, in turn, gave the Army keeper a shout of appreciation.

Army and Kitchee have met on three occasions this season and each meeting has provided a first-class game. It would seem that the style of play of the two sides are the ideal contributions to a fast, open game, and the big crowd of around 8,000 which braved the threatening weather was well rewarded for its courage.

GRAND GAME

This was a grand game to watch and if the soldiers could have found a little more punch up front they must have won the points.

During the first half the Army did most of the attacking, but

immediately afterwards was defensive play at its very best.

For a time in the second half Kitchee applied heavy pressure without getting a goal, and the Army defence survived the onslaught which included a rusty, but surely accidental, injury to Granger.

The soldier launched a determined closing attack and now it was the turn of Lie Ping-chui and Louie C Ping to show their capabilities as defenders, and this, and little Chou Min-chi, assisted by another brilliant Chung Koon-hing save from Bennett, held out until the final whistle.

FAST AND CLEAN

Midway through the half play was centred round the Army end and Ho Ying-fun cut the ball accurately across the face of the goal.

Granger cut it out and threw it quickly to Higgins. The left half pushed it upfield, and out of a crowd of players Bennett suddenly swung round and cracked the ball wide of Cheung Koon-hing only to see it come crashing back off the left hand post. This was a let-off for the Shield-holders, but the brilliant clearances of their goalkeeper

that has won it. Thus, we

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"It was the greatest moment of my life when my national anthem was played after my victory in the walking contest of the last European Athletics Championships in Brussels, said Switzerland's top track athlete, Fritz Schwab. "As an athlete, sportsman and patriot, I strongly disapprove of the measure taken by the organisers."

Similar statements have been made by other European athletes. This is what Walter Lutz, one of the initiators and spokesmen for the organisers, has to say in reply:

"A substantial part has been eliminated from the winner's honouring ceremony which used to be a special climax of sports festivals," said Danz, recalling that Josy Barthel of tiny Luxembourg was "crying with pride" when the national anthem of his country was played after he had won the 1,500 Metres run in the 1952 Olympics.

"Unhealthy nationalism has to be eliminated from the sports movement. Besides, the European Athletic Championships are an individual and not a team contest. If Emil Zatopek wins a race, it is Mr Zatopek and not Czechoslovakia

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Rudolf Haldeger, Honorary Chairman of Vienna's Track and Field Association, rounded out the comments with what seemed to be the final word about the problem: "Each athlete is fond of competing for his country. I am against exaggerated nationalism in sports—but not against national anthems which only a few inches on his first day very to concede an eight to his opponents."

From then on both Bodie's

and Hayward's rinks forged

ahead to comfortable wins, con-

ceding Bodie their only point

when Lopes just edged out

Perkins by 20-18.

LEAGUE BOWLS

POLICE EARN MORE THAN TWO BOTTLES OF WHISKY

By "ARGONAUT"

The Police Recreation Club First Division team easily emerged out of the week-end's Lawn Bowls League matches on the team of the week.

They not only halted Recreio Whites' string of successes by scoring an upset 4-1 triumph over their opponents, but achieved a rare feat when their rink of G. Watt, J. Goodman, W. Hollands and Ken Bodie ran up a six on the 12th head of their match against A. A. G. Silva, C. M. Silva, G. A. Noronha and C. Danenberg, and followed this up with an eight on the next head.

There have been a few "eights" since the League started, but 14 shots on two heads easily constitute a record.

The Recreio "Whites" started off confidently and held a five-shot lead on the three rinks at the end of the 7th head.

DISASTER STRUCK

Disaster struck them on the 8th head when Perkins' rink took off a four from Lopes' four. This was immediately followed by another piece of bad luck on the part of the Recreio bowlers when Marques, with a lie of three, promoted an opposing wood for second shot in an attempt to draw the fourth shot.

Then came the climax of the afternoon's game. That it is better to be thorough than short in lawn bowls was never better illustrated than in the game between the rinks skipped by Bodie and Danenberg.

After bowling yards throughout the first few heads, Bodie's front men gave him five woods just behind the jack on the 12th head. With two chances of either resting the jack-high first shot or trailing the jack, Bodie succeeded in trailing the jack about a foot with his last wood to give his side a count of six.

On the 13th head, Watt laid two good shots just about a foot behind the jack. Goodman added another two also slightly behind.

Hollands, coming from the backhand, shifted the jack slightly to the right, giving his side a count of five all on the backhand side with not a single wood on the forehand side of the jack.

He drew into his own group of woods for the sixth shot, after Noronha, coming on the forehand, had just gone through between two opposing woods.

Bodie kept on piling another shot from the backhand. Danenberg tried to draw from the open forehand but, after getting a perfect green, dropped almost a yard short.

Bodie put in the eighth shot from the backhand and Danenberg, still trying to draw from the forehand, improved only by a few inches on his first day very to concede an eight to his opponents.

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F. W. D. L. Ptg.

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CCC 2 1 0 1 7

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Second Division

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Centenary Bowls Match Postponed

The Centenary Bowls match between Past and Present members of the Chinese Defence Force Centenary Celebrations, which was scheduled to take place yesterday at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, was postponed owing to the heavy rain in the morning.

The date for the match will be notified later.

Sir Gordon

Will Ride In

The Derby

Salisbury, May 22.

Sir Gordon Richards, Britain's leading jockey, said today he will ride the Queen's horse, Landau, in the Derby on June 2.

The horse's trainer, Mr Noel Murless, also announced this shortly after Sir Gordon left hospital here, where he has been recovering from injuries received in a fall from a horse last Wednesday.

Before he left hospital by ambulance from his Marlborough home, Sir Gordon was asked if he would be all right for the Derby, Britain's biggest race of the year.

"Yes, of course, I will," he replied.

He is expected to see a doctor for check-up in the next few days.—Reuters.

Mulloy Beats Lewis Hoad

Paris, May 23.

Lewis Hoad (Australia),

19, the Number One seed and favourite for the French Singles Lawn Tennis Championship, was eliminated today in the fourth round of the event by Gardnar Mulloy, approaching 40, sometimes referred to as the "veteran of American tennis."

Mulloy gave a tennis lesson to his young rival, who only once looked like taking control. That was in the second set when he came from 0-2 to win six games in a row to level at set all. Then, however, Mulloy with brilliant passing shots and sound service, swept the youngster off the court to win 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

Hoad's net play did not function. Time and again he netted volleys and was frequently left standing by Mulloy's passing shots.

America has five men in the last eight in the Men's Singles and Australia so far only one. But Ken Rosewall may join Mervyn Rose as his match with Sven Davidson (Sweden) was postponed today owing to rain.

Enrique Morea (Argentina) is the other quarter-finalist and the order of play for the next round will be: Tony Trabert (USA), Mervyn Rose (Australia), Ken Rosewall (Australia), or Sven Davidson (Sweden), Budgie Patti (USA), Vic Seixas (USA), Enrique Morea (Argentina), and Gardner Mulloy (USA).

Seixas survived a grim five-setter against Rex Hartwig (Australia) while Janis Drabiny (Egypt), who seems to play similarly extended battles, had another today and tired notably against Larsen to win only one game in the decider.—Reuters.

DERBY CANDIDATE



Mr. J. E. Ferguson's Arabian Night (T. Goaling up) is one of the candidates for this year's Derby to be run at Epsom on June 2. It was quoted at 28-1 at the last Victoria Club call-over.—Central Press Photo.

WITH IAAF APPROVAL

No National Anthems To Be Played At European Athletic Championships

Berne, May 23.

Fanfares, sounded by heralds in mediaeval costumes, will replace the customary playing of national anthems at the opening, closing and winner's honouring ceremony of the 1954 European Track and Field Championships here this summer.

The unprecedented decision of the organisers to ban the playing of national anthems as a "contribution towards the elimination of unhealthy nationalism from the sports movement" has been met with a mixed reception by international athletics officials and outright opposition from many athletes.

But the IAAF has already approved the decision of the Swiss organisers and there will definitely be no God Save the Queen, Deutschlandlied or Marschallseine during the five-day meet.

It was the greatest moment of my life when my national anthem was played after my victory in the walking contest of the last European Athletics Championships in Brussels, said Switzerland's top track athlete, Fritz Schwab. "As an athlete, sportsman and patriot, I strongly disapprove of the measure taken by the organisers."

Similar statements have been made by other European athletes.

This is what Walter Lutz, one of the initiators and spokesmen for the organisers, has to say in reply:

"A substantial part has been eliminated from the winner's honouring ceremony which used to be a special climax of sports festivals," said Danz, recalling that Josy Barthel of tiny Luxembourg was "crying with pride" when the national anthem of his country was played after he had won the 1,500 Metres run in the 1952 Olympics.

"Unhealthy nationalism has to be eliminated from the sports movement. Besides, the European Athletic Championships are an individual and not a team contest. If Emil Zatopek wins a race, it is Mr Zatopek and not Czechoslovakia

that has won it. Thus, we

are on eye to the fact that Russia

will send the strongest team

ever delegated to a European

Athletic Championship—that it

might be "tiring" to hear the same anthem again and again.

The Finns were considering the ban "unusual" but, with typical Scandinavian common sense, pointed out that it is the "spirit and not the music" that counts. However, one Finnish official said the decision of the Swiss organisers was taking some of the solemnity of the Olympic Games from the European meet.

Rudolf Haldeger, Honorary Chairman of Vienna's Track and Field Association, rounded out the comments with what seemed to be the final word about the problem: "Each athlete is fond of competing for his country. I am against exaggerated nationalism in sports—but not against national anthems which only a few inches on his first day very to concede an eight to his opponents."

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SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

Yes, It Could Be Wright For An Australian Tour Next Winter

By DAVID JACK

A leg-break bowler is a necessity in any Test team—if he's good enough. In Australia next winter England will certainly need one and, after watching Kent's new skipper Douglas Wright making mugs of Derby's batsmen at Gravesend, I suggest 30-year-old Wright has taken on a new lease of life which could regain him an England place.

In the past big hitters have often ruined Doug's average, which reminds me of Reg Perks' story of the "endless" Test at Durban in 1938.

Reg, fielding at short leg, moved to the boundary and after having his hair pried by several swipes off Wright's bowling.

Asked afterwards why he had changed position, Reg cracked: "It's my ambition to see England again."

Brotherly Love. When Falkirk manager Bob Shankly gave wing half Eddie Hunter a free transfer, he rang Bill Shankly, manager of Carlisle and told him: "Hunter is keen to play in England—and I can recommend him."

Bill took the tip and travelled to Breckville to interview the cousin of Hibernian's Eddie Turnbull.

CELTIC WANT VALE Celtic, winners of Scottish Cup and League, hope to kick off next season with friendly games against attractive English teams.

Club wanted at Celtic Park are Wolves (League Champions), West Bromwich Albion (Cup winners) and—wait for it—Port Vale.

Posters appealing to Soccer fans to buy Charlton Athletic

After relegation, the inquest, I'm told to expect a real run-

Russians And Turks Lead In World Wrestling Championships At Tokyo

Tokyo, May 23.

Soviet Russia and Turkey took the lead at the end of the second round in the World Amateur Free Style Wrestling Championships here today, while the United States made a recovery from its poor first day's showing.

Of six nations competing in all eight divisions, Russia forfeited the fewest points by the end of the second day, losing 14 against 16 by its strongest rival, Turkey. Neither country has yet had a wrestler eliminated and both look set for top honours in the finals.

The only other of the six nations competing in all classes with its team intact was Japan, who stood fourth with 18 forfeited points behind Hungary, who lost 17.

Hungary's Radios Lajos was eliminated from the welterweight with six forfeited points when he was defeated by Per Berlin of Sweden by a fall (body grip). Berlin, Helsinki Olympic silver medallist, is favoured to take the gold medal in this class.

SPLIT DECISION

Another well-favoured Swedish competitor, Bertil Antonsson, Helsinki silver medallist in the heavyweight class, today met again his Russian rival at Helsinki, A. Mekhichev, 1952 Olympic Champion. Once again Antonsson just failed to beat the Russian giant, losing a hard fought bout by a split decision.

The United States scored decisive victories in the flyweight and light heavyweight divisions, and won by falls in the banian and featherweight. Lightweight Newt Copple got a bye. Wenzel Hubel was beaten by unanimous decision by Kazuo Katsuramoto in the middleweight division. In the heavyweight class, William Kerslake was eliminated when he was beaten by a fall by Max Leichter of West Germany.

Iran, the sixth nation competing in every class, fell behind today with 21 lost points by suffering defeats in every division except the lightweight. Flyweight Molaghaseini was eliminated when he lost by a split decision to Hossein Albas of Turkey.

HENRY COTTON WINS PENFOLD GOLF TOURNEY

Llandudno, Wales, May 22. Henry Cotton, Britain's 47-year-old Ryder Cup captain, beat John Jacobs (Sandy Lodge) 18 years his junior, by five and four to win the Penfold 2,000 Guineas professional golf tournament at Maesdu here today.

Cotton played some of the greatest golf of the week-long tournament after having had to crawl a wearying 28 holes in pouring rain to beat Christie O'Connor of Bumford, Ireland, in the semi-finals.

The other semi-final provided a desperate battle. Jacobs being taken to the 22nd before defeating Norman Sutton of Exeter—Reuters.

season tickets are appearing in London Underground stations. Contrast the position at Highbury, where 4,000 season ticket-holders hang on grimly to their tickets, where the waiting list has been reduced by only 100 since it was suspended four years ago, and where many of those who "only stand and wait" have been in the queue for as long as six years.

Yet last season, Charlton finished in the top half of the First Division, Arousal in the bottom half.

PRICE OF SUCCESS

Most Football League championships attend at least two dinners—one arranged by the club and one at guests of the city—but Wolves are now strutting another at which West Bromwich Albion will be entertained.

Last August optimistic Wolves and West Brom decided that whichever of them won the League—the remaining 20 clubs weren't given a chance—would throw a dinner for the others. Now Wolves have to pay the price of success.

Is Nothing Sacred?

By HENRY LONGHURST

Amid the celebrations for its 200th anniversary the traditionalists shake their heads sadly within the portals of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

Tempora mutantur, ... for, as it has been translated, "things are not what they were" and, come to that, "nor are we neither."

Things are certainly not what they were so far as the Old course is concerned. First of all we have a mere week-end amateur, J. G. Wilson, going round in 88, which, seeing that there are three holes which are worth five shots of anyone's money and only two short ones, and that the greens, with no spring growth, are more like a football pitch at the end of a hard season, is perhaps the outstanding golfing feat of the post-war years.

Then, stage by insidious stage, the artificiality which has done so much to change the character of the game across the Atlantic creeps in at headquarters. Last year, for instance, there appeared some miserable little waste posts on the middle tees stating the length of the holes. If there is one really useless piece of information on a seaside course where the wind blows, this is it.

The first hole, I am informed, is 374 yards—than which I know of no more meaningless statistic, for on the same day you may, in the morning, have to play short of the Swilken Burn with your drive and in the afternoon, the wind having changed, be unable to carry it in two with a brassie.

SLOPING GREEN

The short eleventh, I see—the hole out by the Eden cattery, where the green slopes so sharply that on occasion you are unable to set the ball in motion downhill without it running actually off the green—measures 184 yards. In calm shirt-sleeves inland golf, this would inform me unerringly that a 4-iron was required—but the eleventh at St Andrews may be anything from a run-up to a brassie. This year the tee boxes have blossomed forth with little notices revealing the names of the holes, many of them previously unheard of by St Andrews' golfers.

The first I see, is called the Burn, a fact of which I do not care to be reminded since the memory of my second shot to the Medal is still painful—ruled the flag and even posed over for a second or two with thoughts of a three running in mind, only to drop with a splash and be lost in muddy brown water.

Oklahoma, showing strength in the broad jump, high jump and the dashes, was second with 97 points. Missouri was third with 89, following by Colorado, Kansas State, Iowa State and Nebraska in that order.

Two records were broken and one tied in today's events, although Neville Price of Oklahoma set a conference broad jump mark of 23 feet 4 inches and Santee a four-curve 850-yard record yesterday. Frank Chidrich of Kansas lowered the 440-yard dash mark around two curves with a 47.9 run. The old record was 48.0 by Bill Lyda of Oklahoma in 1942.

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Even with this economy, however, invention could not quite save the course. The name of the 10th is—Tenth.

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BEAT THE CHAMPION



Ken Smith Show Talking About The New He-Man

Look... No Hairs On His Chest

The "toughie" who can't grow hair on his chest, who has been nicknamed "The Baron of Beefcake" and who is really 28-year-old tousel-haired, loose-muscled Rock Hudson, came to Britain last week on his way to Ireland to make the Technicolour film *Captain Lightfoot*.

Hudson is the latest rooster to be bred especially for the Hollywood barnyard. Coddled in a tray labelled He-Man (Romantic), he is the newest bobby-sox idol to be hatched out of the gilded egg of publicity and the movies' own brand of pre-filming technique.

Nature gave him certain basic assets, notably his 6ft. 4in. height, black curls and hand-somely-boned features. The rest of his success can be fairly laid to the incubation machinery of his personal sponsors and Universal International, the studio which own him.

The infallible signs of Hudson's hatching are:

1. In the past four years his fan-mail has jumped from 14 (in March, 1950) to more than 8,000 (April, 1954). By the end of the year it will probably top 10,000 a month.

2. He has been mobbed by swooning teenage autograph seekers on 20 distinct occasions. Premieres and previews of his pictures have been held up for as long as 45 minutes while his worshippers rhythmically chant "We want Hudson. We want Hudson."

3. By official orders from his studios, his heart has been broken three times by prominent actresses.

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Indonesia's Foreign Exchange Supply Drifts Lower

Djakarta, May 23. Indonesia's supply of foreign exchange has dwindled to dangerously near the legal minimum.

At its worst the situation could bring inflation and topple the present administration. On the other hand the crisis could dissolve virtually unnoticed.

The Bank of Indonesia statement for May 18 showed that gold and other convertible foreign exchange covered only 20.31 per cent of the money in circulation. The previous week the foreign exchange coverage was 20.8 per cent.

It seems almost certain to drop below the 20 per cent mark within two weeks.

The law governing the Bank of Indonesia, the nation's national bank, says the foreign exchange coverage cannot drop below 20 per cent. But that minimum can be set aside for three months by a decree of the Monetary Board. That is what will probably take place in Djakarta soon.

The Monetary Board is composed of the Finance Minister, the Economic Minister and the Governor of the Bank of Indonesia.

After the three-month "emergency" period the Board

comes up at the end of this month and workers, their pockets filled with traditional bonuses and enjoying traditional vacations, will be on the past flock to the stores for heavy buying of personal goods.

Therefore, an upswing in consumer sales will not mean public mistrust of the currency.

Actually the value of the rupiah has strengthened a little as the foreign exchange coverage dropped the past few weeks.

Three weeks ago one American dollar was worth more than 36 rupiahs in New York. Today it is worth only 28 in Djakarta, an American dollar three weeks ago brought 20 or 27 rupiahs on the open market. Today it brings only 23 or at the most 24. The legal rate is 11.4 rupiahs to the dollar.

HITLER'S COFFERS EMPTY

Although most nations prefer to operate with a foreign exchange coverage of well above 20 per cent, most of them at a minimum of 40 per cent, it is not always true that financial ruin follows a crucial shortage of gold dollars and other foreign exchange.

Hitler's Reichstag, for example, operated successfully for years with a foreign exchange supply of almost nothing.

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JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

A Case Of Measles

MEASLES, which most children take in their stride, can be an unpleasant illness for adults, and Deborah knew this. So when word reached her at her home in Ireland, that one of her grown-up daughters - the one that lived in Manchester - had gone down with that disease, instant Deborah what she must do.

She packed her 11-year-old boy off to his boarding-school, and briskly made arrangements to go to her daughter's bedside. It seemed at the time the luckiest thing that the old from Manchester should come just when the boy's holidays were over, for had he been still at home, Deborah could hardly have left him. It seemed likely at the time that things fell out thus, but it cannot seem so to Deborah now.

TIME TO SPARE

DEBORAH crossed from Ireland and hurried to Manchester, and there she was told at the hospital that she would have to wait for some days before she could see her daughter.

To pass the time of waiting away, Deborah decided to make an excursion to London. She came down the other day and made at once for the great stores in Oxford Street and Regent Street that were all wonderfully dressed with their spring displays.

And on that very first morning of her visit there, Deborah a respectable woman of 50, married for 23 years, and with a blameless life behind her, discovered in herself a new skill as a shoplifter.

THIRD TIME

AT one shop, she stole three hats, and was not seen to take them. At another she took ten handkerchiefs, three pairs of gloves, six bottles of perfume and a hububus, two bracelets and a comb, two bracelets, a brooch, a pair of sunglasses. And she was not seen to take any of these.

Deborah went to a third shop, and there she stole a big pincushion. That was her undoing, for this time she was seen to steal.

"Excuse me, madam," a store detective said, as Deborah reached the street, "but that bag . . . UNLUCKY

"Do you mean to say," asked Mr Paul Bennett, VC, the Marlborough Street magistrate, next morning, "that if she had not taken the bag she would not have been caught?"

"That is so, sir," said the police officer in charge of Deborah's case.

She, from the dock, had pleaded guilty to stealing the bag and asked for her other thefts to be taken into consideration. Now, as the story was told, Deborah stood, a big woman, hulless, with grey-streaked hair and a country-woman's complexion, trembling and half sobbing.

"What do you want to say?" the magistrate asked her, sternly.

MY FIRST OFFENCE

THE gaoler, acting as amplifier to her whispers, repeated: "She says she's very sorry . . . she doesn't know why she did it . . . it's her first offence."

"Well, I don't understand this type of case, in spite of 32 years' experience of the law," said Mr Bennett. He sighed as if in despair of ever discovering what it was that in an instant could turn a good woman into a thief. "One thing is clear," he said. "Our courts have a duty. You must go to prison for one month."

Deborah seemed to freeze where she stood in the dock. The gaoler put an arm about her and took her away, still stiff, erect, expressionless, like a broken-down automaton or a lay figure from some shop's window display. Later, she would comprehend what had happened to her. Later, in a cell at Holloway.

All ships of the Royal Navy and visiting foreign warships in port were dressed overall today on the occasion of Empire Day.

KOWLOON FIRE

3 Dead: 9 Suffer Stab Wounds

A man who has been detained by the Police is believed to have caused the death of a woman and two children and the setting fire of a three-storey Chinese tenement building at 81, Castle Peak Road, Shamshuipo early this morning.

The Fire Brigade received a call at 4:16 a.m. and five fire appliances and two ambulances were despatched to the scene. The fire was under control by 4:50 and completely extinguished by 6 o'clock.

Division Officer, V.C. Seymour, assisted by Chinese firemen, succeeded in rescuing one woman and two children from the first floor of the blazing building.

But after the fire had been put out the dead bodies of a woman and two children were found among the debris.

Nine residents of the tenement were taken to Kowloon Hospital in ambulances, all suffering from stab wounds believed to have been inflicted with a file.

Seven were later discharged and two detained for further treatment.

Police and the Fire Brigade are investigating the cause of the fire and the wounds sustained by the nine victims.

Police detained a man this morning and he is appearing in the Kowloon Court this afternoon.

Funeral Of Troopship Engineer

The funeral of Mr H. J. Lawton, MBE, Chief Engineer Officer of the troopship Dunera who died here last Saturday after a month's illness, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, this morning. The Rev Father P. J. Howatson, SJ, Chaplain Apostleship of the Sea, officiated at the chapel and at the graveside.

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The chief mourner was the widow who flew out from England to be with her husband during his illness.

The late Mr Lawton, 53, had been with the P & O Company for 30 years and was fourth in seniority of the engineers.

Among those present were Mr and Mrs B. T. Flanagan, Mr and Mrs E. W. S. McGregor, Mr and Mrs F. Wellstead, Lieutenant Commander T. W. Harford, representing Commodore A. H. Thorold, OBE, DSO, and the Sea Transport, the Rev. W. J. Haigh, Mr D. W. Leighton, Mr A. V. Cook, Mr A. F. Sinclair, Mr T. E. Carr, Mr W. P. Cameron, Mr H. Williamson.

Wreaths sent were from His wife; All the family at Home; Alvens, Fred and Geoffrey Wellstead; Commodore A. H. Thorold, OBE, DSO; Mr and Mrs B. T. Flanagan, Mr and Mrs E. W. S. McGregor; Managing Directors, P & O S.N. Co., London; Mission to Seamen; Hongkong Sea Transport; Captain and Ship's Officers, HMT Dunera; Managing Agents B.I.S.N. Co., Ltd, Cunard; Taiku Dockyard; Macklinson, Mackenzie & Co., Hongkong.

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Dien Bien Phu Wounded In Hospital



Incessant Air Raids On Rebel Forces

HANOI, May 23. - Blistering day long French aerial assaults today cut both the Vietminh's invasion highway to the Red River delta and one of their main supply roads from Red China.

Bombers, fighters and fighter-bombers ranged over the delta throughout the day exploding in a storm of bombs, machinegun shells and flaming napalm the Communist boast that they would take Hanoi "without important loss or damage" today.

General Vo Nguyen Giap broadcast the boast to his guerrillas deployed throughout the delta. French officers charged that he was trying to put more psychological pressure on already jittery Hanoi.

French planes chopped Highway 41 in several places, cutting the route ahead of troops the Communists are shifting from Dien Bien Phu. The French High Command said the planes also cut the highway which runs from Lai Chau, near the Chinese frontier, to Tuan Gia.

French officials disclosed that they have devoted a message signed by the Vietnamese commander-in-chief and broadcast to delta guerrillas on Friday: "We will occupy Hanoi Sunday, May 23, without important losses or damage," said the outposts are manned entirely by Vietnamese regional units with little military training.

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Sergt Paratrooper Jacques Prevost of Paris (right) one of the first wounded eight men flown out of Dien Bien Phu, is looked at by Dr Col Teramura (left) and Dr Col Landrieux (centre) in Lanessan Hospital, Hanoi. -Associated Press Photo.

Child Killed By Outboard Motor

A 40-year-old fisherman, Cheng Yau-fook, tragically lost his grandson on Salu day afternoon, when the two-year-old child fell overboard and was struck by the propeller of the motor and was killed.

Yesterday afternoon the Police went to Aberdeen harbour where Cheng's junk was anchored, to investigate the matter. As a result, an outboard engine and half a gallon of petrol were found on board.

Cheng was brought before Mr C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning charged with a breach of his junk licence conditions and for carrying dangerous goods without permission.

Cheng pleaded that he used the engine only in case of inclement weather and to rush to the market from the fishing ground so that the fish he caught would be fresh.

Cheng was fined \$75 or three weeks hard labour.

Trooper Arrives

The trooper HMT Empire Orwell arrived from the north at noon today with troops who had completed their tour of duty in Korea. Empire Orwell will sail for the United Kingdom tomorrow after picking up additional time-expired troops from Hongkong.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I mailed the boss a lot of vacation folders - I'll have it easy for a couple of days!"

Judge's Comment On People Who Lose Their Tempers

"The Court must make some effort to deter people from using these dangerous instruments merely because they lose control of their temper," said Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions when a 24-year-old student, Ng Chun-chuk, pleaded guilty to a charge of wounding.

Ng was bound over in \$2,000, half in personal bond and half in surety, for three years to be of good behaviour.

In imposing the penalty, Mr Justice Reece remarked that in his court every month, there was a majority of cases of this type of wounding for no applicable reasons whatsoever.

Ng was represented by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam, of P. L. Lam and Company.

Mr G. R. Sneath, Crown Counsel, instructed by Mr D. Roberts, A.D.C.I. (Kowloon), said that on January 31, in the cubicle in 27, Berwick Street, ground floor, where accused and his clansmen were residing together, the accused was drinking beer while two of the clansmen, including the complainant, Ng Cheng, were writing at the desk. At about 2:30 p.m. complainant suddenly felt a blow on the back of his head and turning, saw accused holding a chopper. He pushed the accused to the bed and dashed out. Accused followed and delivered another blow.

Later, when Police arrived with the wounded complainant, they found the accused lying in bed and in tears. There was also a wound in his stomach, believed to have been self-inflicted. When examined at the hospital, he was found to be in a state of drunkenness.

At the time of his arrest, a piece of paper was found on which was written, "I wish I could kill all Communists."

The accused had been on good terms with complainant and the clansmen.

NO CRIMINAL RECORD

In mitigation, Mr D'Alton asked for the utmost leniency for the accused. The accused had no previous criminal record and had no criminal associations. Further, there was no motive in this incident at all. It could only have been the result of his state of drunkenness.

The accused had a good reputation among members of his family and was always known to have been a quiet young man. He had been in custody for about four months during which he had caused no trouble at all.

In imposing the penalty, the Court remarked that it was a little difficult to understand why accused committed this deliberate act upon his friend who had been living quite happily together with him for a considerable time.

It was fortunate that accused was a perfectly decent young man in perfectly good circumstances with respectable parents, who are now in Canada. Other associates had also given him a good reputation.

LARGEST
WRITING
MILEAGE
GUARANTEED

From the Files

100 Years Ago

We neglected last week to mention a piracy, with abduction of 3 men, 1 woman, 3 boys, and 4 girls, committed in the Cospusayon on the 11th instant, by three large boats forming part of a large piratical squadron. Captain Walwright, with his usual promptitude, as soon as the news reached him, despatched the boats of the Winchester on Friday evening, followed next day by the P. & O. Co.'s steamer Sir Charles Forbes, having on board a large number of blue-jackets and marines. The boats had come up with one of the pirates and sunk her, and the steamer had just sighted the remainder, when the weather became so heavy that she was compelled to return to Hongkong, having taken on board the crews of the boats, who were completely drenched and exhausted, having been exposed throughout the previous night.

Captain Browning of the Kiazina, which arrived yesterday from Hartlepool, reports having in lat. 32.15 S. long. 94.30 E. fallen in with the brig Shamrock, for Melbourne, completely dismasted in a gale on the 12th February; and which, as Captain White acknowledges, he supplied with the only spare spar in his possession, at the same time kindly placing at his disposal anything else he had on board which might prove useful.

SUSPICIOUS WRECK

The Sea King, which arrived in this harbour on Monday brought with her from one of the Ryakon Island, Lat. 5.52 N., Long. 157.30 E., eighteen passengers and the carpenter of the American barque Sarah Moore, which, on her voyage from Sydney to San Francisco, had been wrecked on the 4th September. The Captain (J. Woodberry) had gone there with the ostensible intention of trading, having previously, it is said, forcibly landed one of his passengers on another island but so suspicious were the circumstances of the wreck, considered to be, that the declarations of several of the parties have been taken by the Harbour Master, and tend to prove great misconduct; but we understand they are yet to be completed. The Captain, officers, and crew of the Sarah Moore went on board two whalers, promising to return for the others, but did not do so.

PASSENGERS' ACT

The following Notification regarding the last Passengers' Act has been issued, warning all interested that the said Act will be enforced in this Colony, so far as circumstances will permit. That last clause is suggestive of abuse, and it would surely have been better to have adopted such of the provision of the Passengers' Act as are applicable to the Colony, modified so as to render